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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is entering its final stages across the State, slightly behind last year and the five-year average. The alfalfa harvest remains active. Alfalfa conditions are mostly poor to fair. Sheeping off is continuing in western and central alfalfa growing areas of the State. Small grain planting remains active across the State. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly poor to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers were actively shipping various citrus. Western Arizona growers continued to ship broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, various lettuces, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, radicchio, spinach, and various citrus.

Crop Condition

	Crop Condition				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	2	32	39	16	11
Range and Pasture	5	24	34	27	10

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	90	88	94	98

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending January 4, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Roll to 8 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 78 degrees at Marana and the lowest reading

of 4 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 11 of the 22 stations. Marana received the most at 0.25 inches of precipitation and Phoenix received the least with 0.01 inches.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
December 29, 2008 - January 4, 2009**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	50	3	73	32	0.00	0.00	-0.12	0
Buckeye	52	2	72	34	0.02	0.02	-0.10	17
Canyon De Chelly	31	3	52	12	0.06	0.06	-0.04	60
Coolidge	51	2	73	29	0.08	0.08	-0.04	67
Douglas	47	4	71	21	0.00	0.00	-0.12	0
Flagstaff	32	5	58	8	0.11	0.11	-0.17	39
Grand Canyon	29	4	55	4	0.13	0.13	-0.19	41
Kingman	42	1	62	25	0.00	0.00	-0.12	0
Marana	56	7	78	34	0.25	0.25	0.09	156
Maricopa	51	2	71	30	0.11	0.11	0.03	138
Paloma	52	1	74	31	0.00	0.00	-0.08	0
Parker	51	-1	69	32	0.00	0.00	-0.08	0
Payson	41	4	59	25	0.16	0.16	-0.12	57
Phoenix	57	5	74	40	0.01	0.01	-0.11	8
Prescott	42	8	61	23	0.00	0.00	-0.20	0
Roll	51	-2	72	30	0.00	0.00	-0.08	0
Safford	45	3	66	22	0.00	0.00	-0.12	0
St. Johns	34	3	59	7	0.04	0.04	-0.08	33
Tucson	57	6	77	36	0.00	0.00	-0.12	0
Willcox	45	4	70	20	0.00	0.00	-0.16	0
Winslow	36	6	64	13	0.09	0.09	0.01	113
Yuma	59	4	72	47	0.00	0.00	-0.08	0

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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